

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 22nd
 8:30 AM Louis & Pauline Pfohl
 5:00 PM Rose Spurduto

Sunday April 23rd
 8:30 AM Thomas, Margaret, Bobby & Tommy McBride
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Leo Gillespie
 5:00 PM John & Mary Hickey

Monday April 24th
 8:30 AM Christina DelGreco
 12:00 PM Grace Cerezo

Tuesday April 25th
 8:30 AM Vito Scimeca
 12:00 PM Raffaella Pecorella

Wednesday April 26th
 8:30 AM Louise Foertsch
 12:00 PM Michael, Caroline, Michael Sassi Jr. and Roland Pugliese

Thursday April 27th
 8:30 AM Kitty Trainor
 12:00 PM Elizabeth Guarino

Friday April 28th
 8:30 AM Leonard Urso Pernice
 12:00 PM Bernadette Boyle

Saturday April 29th
 8:30 AM Connie Kwan
 5:00 PM Elizabeth Paros

Sunday April 30th
 8:30 AM Bernadette Boyle
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Taciana Pinero Uy
 5:00 PM Julio Alfredo Quiros

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Vincent Lucanie, Roberta Papagni, Brene Brown, James Leung, Chantel Fernandes, Alice Coleman, Robert & Mary Tardona, Ken Kirwin, Christopher Tolve, Roseann Salerno, Larry Ginsberg, Antoinette Wagner, Richard Kelly, Frank & Carolyn Kalnberg, Josie Bellina, Vera Garofalo, Gladys Sanchez, Mary J. Riley, John O'Driscoll, Marilyn Jagiello, Eleanor Murray, Jean Strifler, Ava Cautin, Patrick Norton, JoAnn Gatch, Isabel Azzaro, Ann Rung, Celina Oleksie, Liane Ginsberg, Claudette David, Denise Michelle, Renata Vecchione, Mary I. Albert, Rosa Rivera, Tom Horgan, Chris Austin, John Kelly, Jeanne Woods, Michael Daly, Tomo Nakaci, Robert Ryan, Joel Rivera, Peggy Racanelli, JoAnn Sienkiewicz, Joan Reddy, Thoywell-Herny Family, Joe Kelly, and for **all of our parishioners who are currently hospitalized or homebound.**



PRAY FOR THE ARMED SERVICES

Capt. Peter Sulewski, U.S. Army; Lt. Col. Patrick Davis, U.S. Army (JAG); Sgt. Beau Parham, U.S. Army; Capt. Paul Lentz, USAF; Sgt. Larry Saume, U.S. Army; Capt. Travis Swiatocha, USMC, Pvt. Tim Richardson, U.S. Army, and **all parishioners currently in the Military**

Pray for all of our **police, fire, and corrections officers**, who risk their lives daily to insure our safety.



PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Edgar Renovales Jr.
 Yael Cammie Van Dyke
 Margaret O'Neill Fennelly

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – April 23rd
Sunday Of Divine Mercy
 -Divine Mercy Chaplet-Church at 1:00pm

MONDAY – April 24th
Easter Weekday
 -Rich In Mercy Prayer Group-Church at 7:30pm
 -Scripture Study-Rectory Meeting Room I at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - April 25th
Saint Mark, Evangelist
 -Centering Prayer-Rectory Meeting Room at 2:30pm & 6:15pm
 -Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY – April 26th
Easter Weekday
 -Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 9:00am
 -Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - **All Are Welcome**
 -CCD K thru 6-Church at 3:30pm
 -Divine Mercy-Rectory at 7:00pm

THURSDAY – April 27th
Easter Weekday
 -CCD 7th Gr.-Rel. Ed. Office at 3:45pm
 -Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

FRIDAY – April 28th
Easter Weekday
 -Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 4:00pm & 6:00pm

SATURDAY – April 29th
Saint Catherine of Siena

If you are not yet registered in the Parish, please stop into the Rectory for a Census Form Mon. thru Sat. 9am-4pm.

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

April 23, 2017	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:	
	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Divine Mercy Chaplet	1:00pm
	Benediction	2:00pm
	Refreshment & Fellowship in the Parish Hall	2:30pm
April 26, 2017	Divine Mercy Devotion	7:00pm

IN LOVING MEMORY



The "Investiture" Paschal Candle burns this year in **Loving Memory of:**

**Helen and Frank Dubiel
 and
 Helen and James Freeley**
 Given by
 The Dubiel and Freeley Families

Dear Parishioners;

The late Holy Father, Saint John Paul II, decreed that the second Sunday of Easter should be designated Divine Mercy Sunday. The feast is predicated on the visionary experiences of a Polish Sister Faustina Kowalska (Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy). Her visions emphasized the Lord Jesus is the very embodiment of Divine Mercy. In some ways the resulting devotions bear a resemblance to the those of Sister Mary Margaret Alacoque (Visitation Sisters) in 16th century France. Sister Margaret Mary's experiences resulted in the Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Both devotions developed at points in the Church's history during which we were losing a sense of God's merciful love extended to us.

In the older iconography of the Sacred Heart, Jesus is pictured with His heart revealed and on fire with "blazing love for us". In Sister Faustina's visions, Jesus is shown with rays of merciful love extended from His outstretched and welcoming hands. Both visionary experiences in their distinct ways, exist to illustrate the love that God has for us. Jesus is the human icon of that love. Every miracle He worked, every sign He performed, every compassionate word He spoke were signs of God's love to us.

Despite their many styles the entire corpus of books of Old Testament had one common theme: God's loves His people and wish to bestow life on them. For Christians that divine impulse was Incarnated (enfleshed) in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. God's very Word, God's own self Communication, is plunged into our history so that we might share the divine life. This indeed is Divine Mercy. God had no need to do this but in St. John's Gospel, the Evangelist repeatedly declares: God is love. The powers of death and darkness do not prevail because God loves us.

If Jesus' story ended on Good Friday, it would be the tragic narrative of another good, fine, person crushed by the powers of infamy. Strong as those powers are, they do not prevail. The God of life does prevail. Even though we know that biologically the heart is fundamentally a pump that keeps our blood circulating throughout our bodies, it has for time immemorial been the icon of love. The blazing Heart of Jesus was the symbol of God's burning love for each of us. Similarly the rays extended from the Jesus of Sister Faustina's visions also denote God's merciful love extended to us. The Easter season is the irrevocable commitment of God "to give us life, and life to the full". Identified with Jesus at Baptism, we are destined to share life with Him. That's God's plan and only we can frustrate it if we deliberately stray from the path He has set out for us.

In the joy of the Resurrection,
Msgr. John A. McGuirl

With Deep Appreciation

Our Holy Week and Easter celebrations would not have been as spiritually uplifting were it not for the behind-the-scenes work of many people. A word of appreciation to our sacristans; James Mara and Gerry Holmes and their Ad-Hoc Committee which helped decorate the Church. Similarly "thank you" to the Altar Angels who clean the church and the sacred linens each week.

Our custodians, Thomas Lambert and Jason Beaudry, have innumerable skills. There is nothing to which they put their hands that does not turn out great! The church literally sparkled because of their care.

Under the direction of director of music, Jane Lawson, our choir and cantors acquitted themselves beautifully. Nothing runs well without the dedication and cooperation of our Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, our lectors, altar servers and ushers as well as the Ad Hoc committee of ladies who helped to prepare the reception after the Easter Vigil. Finally a word of thanks to our entire parish staff for their suggestions, and availability in the preparations for this sacred season. Also many thanks to Mrs. Joan Lewandowski for once again arranging the Easter Sunday Egg Hunt on the Juno Street lawns.

Father Greg showed his ingenuity in devising the beautiful booklets used on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Similarly both he and Deacon Ed. Smolinski blessed our Easter food on Holy Saturday morning in both English and Polish! I thank them and Deacon Dean for their support, cooperation and fraternity.

Sincere thanks also go to anyone whom I may have inadvertently overlooked

A Blessed Easter season,
Monsignor McGuirl



**EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS
GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Henry Jagiello
by
Marilyn and Family

Msgr. Gerald Langelier & Fr. John Cremins
by
An OLM Parish Family with Love & Gratitude

Maria & John P. Calbo and Leo, Lillie & Renee Lobel
by
Elizabeth & Arthur Lobel

Nabil Kassib
by
His Son, George

Victor & Henri-Robert Lamarque
by
Mickaelle Gottlieb

Francis Morison
by
Ann & Children
With Love & Thanks

Florance & John Romano and Veronica & Vincent Mauro
by
Amelia & Frank Romano

Since this list was incomplete last week, we offer our apologies.

**SPRING BEGINS WITH THE
SPRING FLING**



The Spring Fling will be held on the evening of May 5th from 7:30pm until 9pm (Preview Night—\$5.00 admission) and the on May 6th from 10:00am to 6:00pm, ending with the raffle drawings.

We are in need of items, as well as people, to help us make this a great success:

Peggy's Boutique - Perhaps you have received a gift that was a duplicate of something that you already owned. You might wish to donate that item to our boutique. Please drop off at the Rectory.

Pete's Emporium - If you've done some spring cleaning and wish to find a new home for your unwanted treasures, you might want to donate them to the Emporium. Donations may be left on the stage in the Parish Hall. **Remember...NO clothing, bedding, stuffed animals or electronics.**

Diane's Café - we could also use monetary donations for the purchase of food and beverages to be sold in our café. You may leave these at the Rectory.

Maria's Bakery - Like to Bake? Have a specialty that you would like to share? Think about bringing in your baked goods for the bakery. Please let us know what you will be baking.

Mary's Garden— the gardeners can use 5lb. bags of soil and gloves, as well as "green thumbs" to help out. We are also in need of helpers to be at the gardener table.

OLM MUSICAL NOTES

We are hoping to get some additional members this year to expand our choirs. We hope that you will consider joining us.

The Adult Choir will rehearse on Mondays at 7:30PM and sing at the 10AM Mass on Sundays.

The Youth Choir will rehearse in the church on Sundays at 11AM and sing at the 12 Noon Mass **The youth choir will be accepting students from third grade and up.**

If you are interested in joining either choir please contact our Music Director, Jane Lawson. You can see her in the choir loft after any Mass on Sundays, or leave a message for her at the Rectory

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry Community at Our Lady of Mercy Church is a part of our Ministry that seeks to create a hunger free community by sharing our abundant blessings with God's people that are in need. The Food Pantry Ministry operates on every Saturday from 10:00am to 11:00am. The purpose of the Food Pantry is to assist those living within the community of Forest Hills and the surrounding areas of Queens who are in need of basic food and sanitary supplies during times of hardship. However, no one presenting a genuine need will be turned away. **Since** your donations help us keep the shelves stocked, we are asking for your help in dropping off food, monetary donations or gift cards. If giving a **monetary donation**, please make all checks payable to Our Lady of Mercy Church (in the memo section please state Food Pantry or Human Services) and forward all cash or checks to the Rectory, 70 01 Kessel Street.

Food items needed: cereal, peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, rice, pasta, canned soups, tuna fish, Chef Boyardee, canned fruits, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, cookies, toothpaste, soaps, and any other personal hygiene and non-perishable food items.

Food Pantry Hours are:10:00am–11:00am every Saturday



The Human Services element of the parish pastoral care program is for those who require human services that go beyond those offered by our weekly food pantry. I will be available on Tuesdays evenings from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. If you require this assistance please leave your name and number at the Rectory so that an appointment may be made.

Peace, Hope, Love

Deacon Dean Dobbins



The Bulletin Board

- **Helpers of God's Precious Infants** at the All Women's Pavilion, 120-34 Queens Blvd., on Saturdays between 7:00 AM and 11:30 AM in a peaceful, prayerful witness to life. Lives are saved and the way to conversion is opened. Join us for any amount of time.
- **Molloy College** (1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre, NY 516-323-4000) will host a **Spring Open House** on April 30th at 1:00pm.
- The **Bridge to Life, Inc.'s 25th Anniversary Gala**, honoring Bishop DiMarzio, will be held at Leonard's Palazzo in Great Neck on April 30th from 12:30pm to 5:30pm. Tickets are \$85 each. Call 718-463-1810
- The **Vincentian Leadership Institute at St. John's University** will be offering a weeklong residential program for **high school students**, this coming Summer, entitled *Faith and Service in the City*. For info contact Joann Heaney-Hunter at heaneyhj@stjohns.edu
- Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School is now accepting applications for their summer camps (Girls softball soccer, basketball & volleyball; Boys baseball, soccer & basketball). Contact Fran Rocco at 718-898-3800, ext. 3. The school is also accepting applications for the T.A.C.H.S. preparation program beginning in Sept., and Ms. Rocco is again the contact.
- St. John's Preparatory School is offering a 2017 TACHS Prep Course, which will take place in September. For further information, call the admissions office -718-721-7200, ext. 699.
- **Archbishop Molloy High School** located in Queens seeks an **Admission Coordinator** to work with the Director of Admissions and Administration to promote and articulate the mission of the school to both prospective students and parents. Must be detail-oriented with excellent written, verbal and computer skills and have experience working with data, from entry to strategic analysis. Minimum of a Bachelor's degree and ideally, work experience in admissions or education. Requires several evening and some weekend school presentations and visits. This is a full time, year-round position. Experience as an alumnus, parent or volunteer at Molloy is a plus. Submit resume and letter of interest to Molloy President Richard Karsten at: president@molloyhs.org, cc: mdoyle@molloyhs.org.
- **FREE Speech and Hearing Screenings** through April 27: Call the St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center (152-11 Union Turnpike) at 718-990-6480 to schedule an appointment.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following students from our parish have merited recognition for commendable performance during the past academic quarter at:

-Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School:

Principal's List: Megan Heerey

-The Mary Louis Academy:

Principal's List: Sofia Alessandri, Fiona Golden,
Klara Meditz, Joanna McNulty, & Caitlin Murphy.

First Honors: Nina Kropf

-St. John's Preparatory High School:

Honor Roll: John Calix

Well done, everyone!

POOR BOX

We continue to receive requests for assistance so we ask you to please remember the poor and make a donation to the Poor Boxes at the entries of the Church. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated.

MEMORIALIZE A LOVED ONE

Consider the possibility of a donation of the **Bread & Wine, Flowers for the Altar, Tabernacle Light**, or the **Memorial Worship Fund** in memory of a special person. Names of all those memorialized will be published in the bulletin. Call or stop by the Rectory for more info.

FEEL GREAT & LOOK GREAT

Feel and look great at our exercise class every Wednesday from 9:00 to 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall. The class focuses on gentle movements for your muscles and joints. There is a nominal fee of \$2 per session. Please come and enjoy the fitness fun. All ages are welcome.

THE DEANERY CORNER!

- **The Bereavement Support Group at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs** offers understanding, compassion, and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. Meetings are the **first and third Mondays** of each month, from 7-9 p.m., in the rectory, and facilitated by Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader, Yorke Mizelle. Upcoming meetings during the spring are **April 3 and 17, May 1 and 15, June 5 and 19**. Call the OLQM rectory at 718-268-6251 if interested in attending, or for questions, email ymizelle@nyc.rr.com.
- On April 30th at 12:00 noon a **MASS OF INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THE DEAF** will be held at St. Kevin's (45-21 194th St, Flushing). For more info contact Claire DiBartolo, olmparishadvocate@gmail.com.

